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C.Y.O. Course Held In Morinville

LEGAL — Special courses for the C.Y.O. members was held recently in Morinville.

Groups from Vimy, Mearns, Beaumont, St. Albert, and Legal, gathered together to hear Miss Angele Patenaude and Mr. Jean Guy Blouin, both from Quebec, speak on the different subjects which made up the course.

This course started Friday night and finished Sunday evening.

A buffet supper was given on Sunday evening, and approximately 150 were in attendance.

The members had the opportunity of hearing Father Michal again speak for a few minutes.

Mon. Selgnor Tessie, Father Jacob, Father Terrieau, Father Berere attended the buffet supper.

The evening was topped off by a movie picture, "The King of All Kings," held in the Public Hall.

All members who have attended have really enjoyed and appreciated it.

MORINVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lacavillier, of Legal, have moved out of Normand Bolavert's apartment, to make their new home in his mother's former house.

Mr. Walter Von De Wollie, who had attended the F.U.A. convention in Calgary, is back.

Lions Hear Master Farmer

VIMY — J. G. Duseault, a member of the Municipal District Council of Morinville and well-known master farmer of this district, has been scheduled to speak to the Morinville Lions this week.

Lions regular meeting is the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Alberta Hotel in the evening.

Called For Jury Duty

ST. ALBERT — Bert Sumner and others in this district have been called to Edmonton for Supreme Court jury duty.

Truck Skidded; None Injured

ST. ALBERT. — A truck skidded on the icy hill going south from St. Albert. It landed in the ditch close to a telephone pole. A tow truck had to be called. Two cars also met and skidded into each other on the ice near Wilsons. That is another icy spot on the pavement.

Bingo Held For Church Funds

LEGAL — A Bingo party was held in the Legal Church on Sunday evening.

Mr. Auger and Mr. Lucien St. Martin, of Legal, both donated a dressed pig, wrapped in separate packages, which were given, as bingo prizes.

Mrs. Lamfambouse, who had made a lovely Christmas cake for this occasion, was raffled and won by Mr. Gadoury of Legal.

STUDENTS BRING PEACE AND QUIET TO U.N.



Peace reigns in speeches made at United Nations headquarters at Lake Success, New York, where students visit the rooms where history is made. Here, Hon. Paul Martin, Canada's minister of health and welfare, addresses a group of Dominion students in one of the assembly halls.

Community Christmas Tree For Morinville District Kiddies

MORINVILLE — The Canadian Legion, Lions Club and Town of Morinville are co-operating this Sunday in a big Community Christmas tree. Children up to 10 years of age are all invited and each will receive a gift from Santa Claus, but children of all ages will be able to see the old fellow on his

annual trip to Morinville. A big program has been arranged for a free picture show and singing of Christmas carols, in which children of all ages can indulge.

The Lions Club meeting held in the Alberta Hotel was well attended, and J. G. Duseault, Master Farmer of Vimy, Alberta, and Reeve of the Municipal District of Morinville, was guest speaker. In his remarks, Mr. Duseault said he owes his success as a farmer and a citizen to his family, and after many years of farming has found the co-operation of every member invaluable as a successful team.

Municipal District Budget \$365,830.00

MORINVILLE — The 1949 total income for the Municipal District is over a third of a million dollars, and \$65,000 of this comes from sources other than direct taxation in the municipality. These figures were released recently by Secretary Patry.

This year the government paid \$27,983.00 in road grants and other miscellaneous sources of income accounted for nearly \$47,000.00.

A quick review of the figures shows that education expenses accounted for \$137,870.79, public works \$110,300.00, and health clinic \$5,500.00. Capital expenditures took \$40,750.00 and service board \$3,500.00. Administration costs were \$11,000.00.

Baby Girl Born To Edmonton Couple

MORINVILLE — Mrs. W. Pempitt, of Morinville, is proud of her new status as aunt to a baby girl born last week in Edmonton.

The new arrival is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koenig.

Mr. Koenig is well known in Edmonton as operator of the refreshment stand in the lobby of the city post office, being blind.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE NEXT WEEK!

Next week COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS will publish the annual Christmas edition of this paper. It will have special Christmas features, in color, and carry messages of good-will from home-town merchants who appreciate your patronage and take this ready means of expressing that appreciation.

News Earlier, Please!

All Local Editors and Reporters are requested to mail news for next week's paper AT LEAST THREE DAYS EARLIER THAN USUAL. The Christmas issue will be mailed sooner than usual to be sure all copies are in the hands of subscribers by Christmas Day.

THE EDITOR.

ST. ALBERT NEWS

ST. ALBERT. — Mr. Bert Sumner was on jury duty in Edmonton last week.

S. Bonnerville, who has been working in Dawson, is expected home this week to spend Christmas with his family.

Miss Therese Bonnerville has been with Mrs. S. Bonnerville the past month.

On Dec. 1 a party was held at the home of Joe Hauptman for Karl Hauptman. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Hauptman, Sylvia and Edward; Walter Hauptman and Viola Lindberg, all of Edmonton; the Misses Helen Antonuk and Annette Pelletier, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hauptman and Albert of St. Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Dolhaçary have moved into their little home at the top of the hill across from F. Ball's place. About 40 gave them a housewarming last Tuesday.

Mrs. Francis Adams has a sprained wrist.

The X-Ray showed that Dorothy L'Hirondelle has a sprained ankle, not a broken one.

Mr. and Mrs. Babin had moved into their new home next door to Mr. Tetreau's.

Miss Gines and Mrs. Van Alstine were the nurses who checked eyes, ears, nose and throat in grades 1 and 2 the past week.

Will Increase Storage Lockers

MORINVILLE — W. Labonte announced last week that plans are being made to enlarge his cold storage locker plant. A new addition is to be added at the back of the present building and the number of lockers will be doubled — to more than 600.

Mr. Labonte was a regular advertiser in the Morinville Journal, until all his available lockers were rented, making greater accommodation for district farmers necessary.

St. Albert A.T.A. Sub-local Meeting

ST. ALBERT. — Twelve teachers of the St. Albert sub-local A.T.A. met in the new school at 4:10 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12. A press correspondent, Mrs. B. Boland, and councillor, Miss Wolniewicz were elected. Discussions concerning publicity of Education, salary schedules, etc., were carried on.

Plans for making grade VI and grade VIII language tests were made. A motion was made that we plan for an Institute Day in January. The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9, 1950.

Pump Gives Trouble

ST. ALBERT. — There is trouble with the pump which is to put water on the rinks. As soon as the machine is in working order we will have ice for curling and skating.

Local Bridge Under Repairs

ST. ALBERT. — The first bridge built west of the Great Lakes is undergoing repair again. It is a government bridge. The floor was in very dangerous condition. All traffic is detoured over the highway bridge.

Credit Union Office Moved

ST. ALBERT. — The Credit Union office has been moved to the Veness Service Station. Business will be carried on there for the time being.

Breaks Both Legs In Tractor Mishap

VIMY — Walter Singleton, 29-year-old farmer, suffered two broken legs last Thursday. Mr. Singleton was riding on the drawbar of the tractor when he slipped and both legs caught between the wheel and fender of the tractor.

The accident occurred in John Zadunayski's yard only two days before the fire which burned down Zadunayski's home.

The badly injured man is in the Westlock hospital. His condition is not known at the present.

Library Fund Receives Funds

ST. ALBERT. — Mrs. Tom Atkinson, W.I. treasurer, reported that \$50.00 was received from the St. Albert community league; \$50.00 from the St. Albert town council, and \$50.00 from the St. Albert W.I. towards the Library Fund.

Instead of exchanging gifts, W.I. members are pooling their money to get clothing for some needy and deserving children.

Fifty Attend Miscellaneous Shower

ST. ALBERT. — About fifty women attended a miscellaneous shower for Miss Marguerite Lavoie at her home, Dec. 8. The hostesses were Mrs. Xavier Lavoie and Mrs. Meride Lavoie.

After "visiting the King and Queen," the gifts, in a decorated basket, were pulled in on a wagon by a little bride and groom, Bernadette Lavoie and Michael Lavoie.

Miss Lavoie thanked all guests and invited them to her wedding dance Dec. 29 in the Frontiersmen hall on Kingsway and 111 ave. Her fiancé is Mr. Briere.

Coldest Winter Freeze Can't Cover Hudson Bay

By JACK BIRD

(Fourth of a series on the Northland)

My veteran - of-the-Northland companion told me about Hudson Bay, which was half a mile away, on the other side of town.

I learned that the currents in this bay are anti-clockwise, and that in spite of the fact that it gets severely cold up there in winter, Hudson Bay does not freeze over. Only a narrow strip of from one to 10 miles along the shore freezes.

Usually all of James Bay, the latter half of a cold winter, freezes over.

Along this frozen border of Hudson Bay the waves, splashing all winter long, freeze into piled-up masses of ice. In the late spring when the ice thaws, these masses along the seaward edge of the frozen strip around the bay break up into small bergs.

But because this ice is frozen salt water they are called fakes, or pseudo-bergs, for real icebergs are frozen fresh water, because they come from glaciers, and glaciers in turn come from the freezing and compressing of masses of snow in high valleys or extended areas.

This compressed frozen stuff works its way down to the sea at the rate of 10 to 24 inches in 24 hours in summer, and less in winter, the middle and upper parts travelling faster than the sides and bottom. When it reaches the sea, it breaks off, which is called calving, or the birth of an ice-berg.

"The ice in a berg," explained Jim, "isn't quite the same as ordinary ice. It's more brittle. Indeed, it's so brittle that the blow

of an axe may split it, or the report of a gun can, by concussion, also crack or split a berg."

"And don't let any one tell you," he cautioned, "that you can know how much of an iceberg is under water by multiplying what you see above water by 8, 9, or 10—that's all wrong. You don't go by height at all. You go by mass; what you see above water is about one-eighth or one-ninth of the whole mass."

I told Old Jim about the first iceberg I had seen, which was off the southeast coast of Labrador. My two years on salt water, as sailor, traveller and commercial fisherman, have taught me how difficult it is to compute accurately height and distance at sea.

For example, once when I was sailing along the west coast of Hoy Island, in the Orkney Group, we passed a stack rock called the Old Man of Hoy. It is a reddish brown verticle rock at the seaward end of a spur of rock that just out from the island.

I was impressed, and told myself that that rock must be all of 100 feet high. Imagine my surprise, later in the day when I landed in the islands, to learn that that stack rock is 450 feet high! I had thought, too, that we were only about a quarter of a mile from shore. But I know now that if that rock is 450 feet high—and it is—then we must have been about two miles from the land.

So I am aware that I might well be wrong in my estimate of the size of the first iceberg I saw. But anyway, I'd say that that berg was as large as a good-size ship, and would be about 500 feet long by perhaps 150 feet high.

This is no unusual size for a

North Atlantic berg, for they are sometimes 1,500 feet long, and 200 to 250 feet high to the top of the pinnacles. But my first berg was an unforgettable sight, and I shall always remember that great long rugged mass of pale green ice, deep blue in the cracks, and snow all over the top, driving majestically along before wind and current as though travelling under its own power.

Although it was the month of August, the temperature dropped down to 52. We kept that berg in sight for three hours.

Then I told him about smaller bergs, and floe ice and growlers, I had seen in the Strait of Belle Isle, and ice cakes floating by just north of Petersburg, in Alaska, on my way up to Juneau. Beyond Petersburg we had passed three glaciers in several hours, one of them was a valley full of blue ice twisting its sloping way down to the sea. These tidewater glaciers are the most southern on the Pacific coast.

Canadian Radar Guides Ships

Radar equipment designed and manufactured primarily for use during the last war, is now being produced by Canadian Aereals Ltd. for installation aboard vessels of Canadian and foreign register.

The luxury liner, Queen Elizabeth, largest ship afloat, is equipped with marine radar of Canadian manufacture, as is the Caronia, another passenger liner placed in service only this year. The log of the Empress of Canada records an occasion when she sailed up the Mersey and drew alongside the landing stage in Liverpool without any visual aids to navigation.

In fact, the first member of the ship's company to sight land was half way down the gangplank before he could discern part of the docks. Radar brought the Empress of Canada safe to land, and eliminated costly delays at the mouth of the Mersey.

The S.S. Lemoyne, longest ship operating on the Great Lakes is largely dependent on her radar set. The well-known icebreaker, N. B. McLean, which returned recently from her summer vigil on the shipping lane through Hudson Strait, is able to plot her position in icefields by radar, while avoiding other marine hazards.

Walking To Work

Walking to and from work or school is one of the best forms of mild exercise. It stimulates the flow of blood and sharpens the appetite. It is a fine way to start the day . . . far better than exchanging germs with close-packed neighbors on a bus or streetcar.

Starting Off Right

Everyone needs a good breakfast to get the day off on the right foot. Many surveys have shown that children and adults who take a sketchy breakfast "on the fly" become tired and listless before noon. A few years ago breakfast was an important meal. Don't let it be ignored in your family. Publications on food preparation and menus come to you free of charge from local or provincial departments.

Sugar beets are having the United Kingdom more dollars than any other crop according to Sir Francis Humphrey, of the Sugar Corporation.

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Confidentially

After Name Has Faded Personality Lingers On

Many of those I've interviewed and I remember distinctly I can not even put a name to. That applies particularly to the Japanese and distinguished visitors from India, who were particularly numerous in the immediate pre-war years.

The only member of the Dutch general staff who escaped during the German invasion told me a fantastic story which would still be hard to believe if it had not since been confirmed (part of it was about the German general who was flying a white horse into Holland for his triumphal entry but unfortunately his aircraft crashed, giving the Dutch not only the white horse but the complete plans for the invasion). William Shirer ("Berlin Diary") told me the truth about the German rehearsal for invasion long before it was generally accepted.

I'm still annoyed at Leonard Crocombe, editor of Tit-Bits, who took as the title of a chapter of a book he wrote about Canada, the title of an article I told him I was writing about Sir James MacBrien, "The Mounties Have Their Man." If it hadn't been such, an inferior effort generally I might have considered suing him or plagiarism. (Unfortunately Sir James died before the article could go to press.)

Fleeting impressions begin to crowd one another in memory:

Jutland hero Lord Beatty's resemblance to Sir Edward Beatty (they both wore their hat a very jaunty angle and looked very much alike, although both said they were unaware of any blood relationship) . . . Meeting Mrs. Wallis Simpson and not even being aware of who she was until afterwards . . .

The only complaint about an interview I've ever received from Sir Walter Citrine, who said I should have given an editorial explanation for one of his remarks (specifically that I should have stated an English town was much larger than a Canadian one) . . .

Madeline Carroll's double chin, which was a shock . . . How much lovelier OFF screen than on was Maureen O'Sullivan (the cinema could not catch her vivid coloring, black hair, light blue eyes and truly flawless complexion) . . .

Mischa Elman spending the better part of an evening trying to persuade me the only quality which made a great musician was personality and I doubting it more by the minute . . .

Richard Crooks, who doesn't smoke, explaining that he endorsed a particular brand of cigarettes to keep his in-laws properly supplied . . . Doris Duke who doesn't like her brand of cigarettes which contributed greatly to making her the richest girl in the world . . .

Sonia Heine refusing to skate unless her terms were met.

Lord Byng being given an em-

brace by R. B. Bennett which would do credit to a French general bestowing decorations . . . The Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice being as interested as children at a toy show during a special Army demonstration at Peta-wawa . . . Sally Rand justifying her act compared to the ordinary strip teaser in the words, "it is better than X marks the spot" . . . Rosina Lawrence being so excited at meeting a cordon of Royal Canadian Mounted Police that she did not realize what a sensation SHE was causing . . .

How quickly Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., could get his best profile into line as soon as he spotted a news camera . . . Sir Cedrick Hardwicke chasing a hat down the street which he lost in a high wind . . . Fritz Kreisler talking at length about composing and then a week later revealing that he was the composer of music he had for years claimed was the work of minor masters (I never quite forgave him nor myself for not getting that story SOMEHOW) . . . Arthur Koestler who took the

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wind out of my sails after I had thought up a VERY contentious question by simply stating, "I agree" . . .

Cordell Hull handling a press conference as if it were a gathering of the nations . . . My embarrassment when I referred to Ramsay MacDonald as "Sir Ramsay" . . . Sir Robert Borden's "I think I am quite capable of writing my own," reply to the suggestion I would be willing to give him a hand with his memoirs . . . The language Bob Manion used in describing his ex-chief, Viscount Bennett . . .

Major Douglas admitting his theories would be augmented and revised if Social Credit obtained power to give them political effect . . . Mrs. Percy Grainger remarking that her husband got annoyed when he was asked to a party and then requested to play and the host interrupting that precise moment with such a request . . . Sir Ian Fraser, head of St. Dunstan's, whom I thought would give an interview on the blind but proving to have been a member of the commission responsible for institution of the BBC and talking volubly about the subject the same day the CBC bill first came before the Canadian House of Commons . . .

Lord Halifax (then Lord Irwin) and Sir Stafford Cripps because of the cold incisiveness of their personalities and minds . . . Katia Mann because she treated husband Thomas as if he were too delicate and precious for this world which, methinks, he disliked but suffered . . . The tall Sherwood Anderson because he made me feel insignificant in more ways than one . . . Arthur Bryant because he frankly admitted he was completely ignorant of the economic aspects of history . . . Hannan Swaffer because of his habit of rubbing cigarette ashes into a blue suit until it was almost gray . . .

Neville Chamberlain because of his remark: "After all, we are still in the colonies" . . . Sir Ronald Squires because of his intimate stories of Lawrence of Arabia (to whom he was mentor and friend)

DYING MOTHER FLIES TO ENGLAND



Guest of the T.C.A., Mrs. John Irving of Hamilton, Ont., right, is seen with her three children, Mrs. E. H. Molson, her sister, and Pilot Sam Jackson. The war bride is being flown gratis to England to place her children with her family. Suffering from an incurable disease, she is not expected to live more than a few months.

—Central Press Canadian

. . . Fiorella La Guardia because he sincerely meant his crusade for democracy and reminded me of another colorful mayor, Camille Houde . . .

When I start recalling these incidents to mind, the list seems endless. Many I have not mentioned were equally famous, but somehow or other the interview was routine, or to be mentioned at all would require more than a single line.

Certain persons like Nina Thei-

lode, the dancer, Albert Spaulding, violinist, Harry Parr Davis, composer, Walter Nash, New Zealand statesman, and Chaim Wiseman, world president of the Zionist Organization, remain in memory because of the force of their personality.

This is all the more unusual, because for a period, I kept clippings of interviews, and looking them over, I found that 80 per cent of them had completely faded.

CANADIAN BUSINESS STABILITY BETTER THAN IN UNITED STATES

MONTREAL.—Canada's relative business stability as compared with developments in the United States was described as the most noteworthy feature of this country's economic trend by the president of the Bank of Montreal, B. C. Gardner, at the 132nd annual meeting.

In Canada, as in the United States, said Mr. Gardner, there had been cyclical forces on the down-side. But, here in Canada,

these recessive influences were largely being offset, he said, by the fact that "we have a vigorous program of industrial expansion based not so much on the outlook for business next year or the year after, as on an appraisal of this country's magnificent long-term potentialities."

"We have," the president declared, "gained self-confidence and 'know-how' as an industrial nation, and in the field of natural resources we are re-discovering our own frontier. It may not be too much to suggest that Canada is currently undergoing a phase of dynamic growth which, relatively speaking, is not unlike that experienced by the United States in the years following World War I."

In a review of the domestic scene, Mr. Gardner said that "something approaching a balance of forces" had been achieved in the price structure. The general business outlook had, he believed, "a good many healthy and reassuring aspects."

Discussing the effect of the dollar crisis on Canadian export trade and world economic order, the president described the trend of our economic development as pointing logically to a closer balance in trade with the United States. Contraction of our exports to traditional overseas markets was, he said, "almost inevitable." The recent currency devaluation he considered to be a step in the right direction, but he questioned the effectiveness of establishing rates by "governmental fiat." Trade expansion might well be encouraged, he suggested, by the admittedly bold step of permitting a variation in exchange rates, cushioned against violent fluctuation by a stabilization fund.

Mr. Gardner defined the ultimate as an international economy capable of functioning "on its own." Stressing the necessity for

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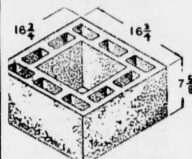
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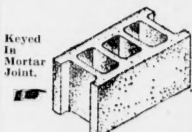
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A PUBLIC SERVANT

As editors and publishers, newspapermen like to think of themselves, first of all, as public servants. Sometimes a public servant has to do things that some of the people it is intended to serve do not like. At other times, we may not speak out when some think we should.

Some weeks ago a reader of the South Edmonton Sun wanted us to campaign for more frequent bus stops on Whyte Avenue. We didn't agree that this was in the public interests, however. It is true that a stop at every corner would reduce the distance the bus riders would have to walk, but the extra space taken from private auto parking for bus stops, and the slow-up of service resulting to the busses would ultimately work a hardship on motorists and bus-riding pedestrians alike.

A reader has summed up our feelings on the subject as follows:

"A paper such as this, which is devoted entirely in service to its community, is frequently pressed to agitate against many and sundry evils that beset any well-behaved society. To succumb to the temptation of diatribe against all wrong would surely make an editor the servant of slander, and reduce his paper to a 'slob sheet'."

"We feel, however, that there are main public issues which should be joined, when the health and moral of society is threatened."

One thing that rouses our editorial ire is the disgraceful conduct of patrons of public dance halls. How they carry on in the dance hall is none of our concern. But when the health and morals of our community is threatened by promiscuity, illegal drinking and trespassing on private property in the neighborhood, of these public dance halls we rise to take issue.

Owners of dance halls should be made to build out in the country where their patrons can do no harm to private property or public morals.

THE COMBINES REPORT

The storm which broke over the House of Commons recently over the long, and illegal, delay in the publishing of the Combines Investigators' report into the milling industry, has started to subside. In the meantime a lot of linen has been washed, many harsh words have been uttered, and the cabinet has received a public going-over which won't do them the least bit of harm.

The government's excuse for the delay in publishing the report is that many of the changes in the report arose out of the milling companies doing what they were ordered to do by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. It also came out in the discussion that some of the companies hesitated to carry out the instructions of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board when they were first received, because, they claimed, that to follow these instructions would leave them liable to prosecution under the Combines Investigation Act. In order to get the companies to play ball with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board it was necessary to assure them that they would not be prosecuted for actions undertaken as a result of Wartime Prices and Trade Board instructions.

The point which is difficult to decide, of course, is whether all the things the companies are accused of doing were necessary to carry out Wartime Prices and Trade Board instructions, or whether the companies took advantage of the situation to do things they could ordinarily be prosecuted for. It would take a brave or foolish man to decide what the score is on the evidence so far made public.

However, there is one point which stands out through the smoke with all the clarity of a rainbow following a shower—and that is the complications which have arisen out of an honest attempt by the government to control prices during an emergency. This is something which the proponents of planning might be well advised to keep in mind. It is easy to plan. But it is not so simple to make sure that the end result of the planning will be what you hoped for when you started out.

It was Bobby Burns who wrote:

"The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley."

It seems to us that Burns' little verse ought to be compulsory memory work in these days when so many people are being deluded by the idea that the answer to all our problems is government planning. Mice, men, and governments "gang aft agley."

Frank Leahy Named Coach of the Year

For the fifth time in the last seven years, Frank Leahy of Notre Dame fame has been named "Coach of the Year" by American sports writers.

This week he was given the nod by an almost unanimous choice in the annual poll. The two years Frank missed receiving this award he was in the American Navy.

Frank had a wealth of material

to work with at Notre Dame this year and his team recently was rated as the top gridiron machine in the nation, but the newshounds who selected him for the coveted coaching position pointed out that Leahy had a tremendous job keeping his boys up for each game with a long winning streak going.

Leahy is 41. He was born in O'Neill, Neb., August 27, 1908. He played tackle on Notre Dame's championship team of 1929 under the late Knute Rockne's tutoring. He assumed the coaching role at Notre Dame in 1941.

Scriptural Meditations

"John, the beloved disciple, the one who most fully reflected the likeness of the Saviour, did not naturally possess that lowliness of character. He was not only self-assertive and ambitious for honor, but impetuous, and impatient under injuries. But as the character of the Divine One was manifested to him, he saw his own deficiency, and was humbled by the knowledge. The strength and patience, the power and tenderness, the majesty and meekness, that he beheld in the daily life of the Son of God, filled his soul with admiration and love. Day by day his heart was drawn out toward Christ, until he lost sight of self in for his Master. His recent, ambitious temper was yielded to the molding power of Christ. The regenerating influence of the Holy Spirit renewed his heart. The power of the love of Christ wrought a transformation of character. This is the sure result of union with Jesus. When Christ abides in the heart, the whole nature is transformed. Christ's Spirit, His love, softens the heart, subdues the passions, raises the thoughts and desires toward God and heaven."

—"Steps to Christ."

SUN GLEAMS

Many persons do not know the difference between cuss and discuss.

A pessimist not only knows the worst will come but that it will occur to him.

The optimist hopes the better things will come to him; the altruist that the other fellow will get the breaks.

In every walk of life these days people seem to prefer to ride.

Why is it that nearly everyone believes he is a great writer in embryo? Editors are the exception. If the candidate write they wouldn't be editors.

Russia's idea of the atom bomb world appears to be "let's up an atom."

Ink used in printing the Natural History Magazine, published by the American Museum of Natural History, has been mixed with chemicals which will give off the woody fragrance of pine. — News items in Christian Science Monitor.

This sort of thing can be carried too far. We can take the numbers of the telephone which, if they were to give off a perfume appropriate to their contents, would certainly amuse.

Several guests of the government in the penitentiary have expressed a liking for musical instruments for Christmas. Preferably musical saws.

Why is it that persons who have closed minds seldom could have the same thing said about their mouths?

Flying Mayor

CALGARY, Wyo. Mayor-elect Don Mackay boarded a regularly scheduled North Star to attend the Stampeder-Alouette football game recently, he was a perplexed young man. At take-off time he was leading the mayoralty race by a close margin. It wasn't until the aircraft was approaching Winnipeg that word came over the plane's radio that victory was certain and the pilot passed along the good news.

Only 13 rookies are performing in the National Hockey League this season. Last year there were 20. Boston Bruins lead the circuit in newcomers with four, the New York Rangers and Chicago Black Hawks, have three, Detroit Red Wings, two and the Montreal Canadiens, one. Stanley Cup holders, Toronto Maple Leafs boast all veterans.

Agriculture experts say the food frog eats each year as many insects as it would cost a farmer \$8 to kill.

Should Alberta Farms Get Electrification?

By T. W. PUE

One cold winter's day, some twenty-odd years ago, while I was sitting on the porch of my home town, I retreated for a few minutes into a store to get warmed up. While hugging the radiator near the door I overheard two old society belles discussing automobiles and farmers.

I distinctly recall the conclusions of their little chat. They decided that cars



were alright for city folks but they didn't think farmers should own automobiles!

When you consider how much more useful a car or truck is to a farmer, living miles from town, than it is to a city dweller, and the almost critical need for western farmers have taken to this new age of motorization, you might well ask how long it will be before the conclusion that farmers shouldn't have automobiles.

FARMS NOW MOTORIZED

Now nearly every farmer has a gasoline engine, car, truck or tractor. Our young farmers read about mules in the comics, and learn about horses when they see a western movie on Saturday night. They don't know anything much about a stationary gasoline engine to pump water and milk the cows. The children go to school in a motor car, and the Mrs. drives to town on the mid-week shopping tour in a late-model Plymouth or Chevrolet.

Mr. Alberta farmer does most of his work with a truly high-powered gasoline tractor and in the fall drives around in style in a self-propelled combine. Some of them motor to Texas or California in their family automobile or fly there in a four-engined Stratocruiser, to spend the winter.

And the two old ladies on whom I overdropped as frost-bitten newshyad said farmers shouldn't have cars!

WHY NOT ELECTRIFIED, TOO?

As long as I can remember, city dwellers have had electricity in their homes. I can't remember the day when electric lights and electric motors haven't been a commonplace part of city life.

Neither do I remember when the sight of power poles in a farm yard hasn't given me a spasm of surprise. Yet it seemed incongruous to me that the section of our people—our farmers, that could do most with the services of "Reddy Kilowatt" the electricity servant, are without it.

GLOOMY DEAN GIVES WARNING

Emerging from retirement, Dr. Inge of St. Paul's London, the "Gloomy Dean," voiced this warning:

"Either the nations must surrender some fraction of their independence to a supernatural authority which will have the power to settle disputes peaceably or peace will be restored as in the Roman Empire by a knock-out blow by the strongest power. This last looks painfully like a Tartar domination of Europe and Asia. Shall we have the sense to choose the former alternative?"

The Chaplain of the United States Senate, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, made a timely comment on the Dean's statement. Writing in the Washington Sunday Times, he said:

"But the fatal trouble is that the 'former alternative,' namely, just adjustments of the differences dividing mankind, cannot be chosen unless men and nations change.

"Communism is out on a world-wide scale to liquidate one class and put another unchanged class on the top of the heap. Socialism, often sincere enough in its attempts to eliminate exploitation in order to bring the good things of life to all people, is still dealing with unchecked selfishness which can wreck any social scheme.

"Even in a chastened capitalism, management and labor confront each other with belligerent bitterness and suspicion in a constant tug-of-war. With legislative bricks, a sorry attempt doomed to futility is being made to build an altruistic edifice on the sinking sands of an unchanged society. It is self-evident that the Utopian plan will not work without the Utopian man.

"The only escape from catastrophe is to change human nature. That diagnosis is as old as the Matchless Figure on the steps of the Sermon on the Mount and who, insisted, as He fronted the needs of the individual and of society, 'You must be changed.' 'Born again,' He called it."

MORE USEFUL PURPOSES

Think of all the ways in which electricity serves on the farm. Here are some of them:

LIGHTS, for house, barnyard, farm barns, buildings, garages, repair shops.

POWER for grain grinders, milking machines, cream separators, and other forms of stationary elevation.

RUNNING WATER with the use of electric power for compression, in dry homes.

CONSTANT HEAT by means of coal stokers with electric power and the thermostatic control.

POWER FROM COAL MINES

The electric power generated from running water may have its advantages but farmers of Alberta don't need to wait until all hydro developments are made. Almost in everyman's backyard there are coal deposits. Why not build power houses near coal mines for rural electrification? Points such as Heisler, Forestburg, Morinville and Carleton Place have plenty of coal. No need to haul the coal if we set up the power plant at the mine head.

HOW TO GET IT NOW

One of the ways of getting rural electrification is to insist on a government-owned power commission.

There is no necessity for socialized power service as long as the existing private companies continue a rapid rate of installation on farms.

What Alberta farmers should be certain of is a steady rate of farm installation of power as fast as could be expected under any other system. If present methods are not adequate, there is always the native of government-owned Power Commission. But towns people seem well satisfied with the service they receive from the power companies and no doubt farmers will also get satisfactory service. The fact that there is an alternative should keep private companies on their toes.

HIGH INSTALLATION COSTS

One of the biggest problems facing the average farmer is the very high cost of installing power lines from the road allowance to his buildings. As a canvasser with much experience in calling on farmers, I always have had a great deal of respect for the man who built his home near the road instead of half a mile off in the west pasture. Farmers building new homes should keep in mind the installation of power lines, and build up near the road.

Power companies could go a step further. They could draw up plans some months in advance of installations (or even years) layout maps showing roads down which the power lines will run. Farmers should be encouraged, when building, to front the proposed power lines.

Alberta farmers have done pretty well since they left the horse and buggy stage on transportation. They'll do equally well with rural electrification.

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—Central Press Canadian

It's a wonder Pancho Gonzales (right) can still smile after 6-1, 6-1, licking him absorbed from Jack Kramer, left, during their singles match played in Toronto, before 5,000 tennis enthusiasts. The famous tennis stars are currently touring U.S. and Canada, along with two other net stars, Pancho Segura and Frank Parker. Kramer, in running his string of wins to 25 in 24 matches over the Mexican, left no doubt in fans' minds of his complete superiority. In Segura-Parker match, the Ecuadorian dropped first set to Parker, 6-2, but won second by that margin and outlasted Segura in the third, 10-8. Segura then joined up with Gonzales in doubles to win first set 6-6, while Parker and Kramer won second, 6-2.

Second Sports Confab To Be Held in Ottawa

OTTAWA—Invitations have just been issued to more than 40 national sports organizations, both amateur and professional, to attend a second conference of sports-governing bodies in Ottawa on January 6th and 7th.

This was announced here today by J. H. Ross, of Calgary, recently named by the National Council of Physical Fitness to convene such a meeting, and by Dr. Doris W. Plewes, of Ottawa, the conference secretary.

The first conference held in Ottawa last January to consider ways of promoting greater participation in sports in Canada was attended by nearly 70 representatives and observers.

Several committees established at the first meeting are scheduled to bring reports on such matters as the participation of school students in outside sports, co-ordination and simplification of the amateur code; establishment of a permanent, non-governmental sports council; and requests to the cabinet for grants for sports facilities.

The 1950 conference will be organized and conducted on the same basis as the first one, Mr. Ross stated. It is being called, he pointed out, at the request of the 1949 conference and on the recommendation of the National Council on Physical Fitness. The sports groups have been invited to submit additional items for the conference's consideration.

Following is a list of the organizations to whom invitations have been sent: Amateur Athletic Union of Canada; Boxing Committee, A.A.U. of C.; British Empire Games Committee, A.A.U. of C.; Canadian Amateur Basketball Association; Canadian Amateur Hockey Association; Canadian Amateur Ski Association; Canadian Amateur Swimming Association; Canadian Association of Amateur Caramen; Canadian Badminton Association; Canadian Bowling Association; Canadian Figure Skating Association; Cana-

dian Intercollegiate Athletic Union; Canadian Lacrosse Association; Canadian Lawn Bowling Association; Canadian Lawn Tennis Association; Canadian Olympic Committee of the A.A.U. of C.; Canadian Rugby Union; Canadian Secondary Schools Association; Canadian Small Bore Association; Canadian Snowshoe Union; Canadian Softball Association; Canadian Table Tennis Association; Canadian Wheelmen's Association; Canadian Women's Senior Golf Association; Canadian Yachting Association; Chess Federation of Canada; Dominion Curling Association; Dominion of Canada Football Association; Dominion Rifle Association; Gymnastics Committee, A.A.U. of C.; Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union; National Baseball Congress of Canada; National Fencing Committee; National Hockey League; Nova Scotia Softball Association; Ontario Amateur Softball Association; Provincial Women's Softball Union of Ontario; Royal Canadian Golf Association; Track and Field Committee, A.A.U. of C.

THORHILD NEWS

THORHILD.—Mr. M. Egulden sold his house and lots to Mr. J. Wilfinger of Thorhild, the Massey-Harris agent. Mr. Egulden intends to move into the Peace River country in the early part of the new year.

The cold spell has struck Thorhild and made the thermometer dip to 30 below zero.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harns, new Verna Porranito, on Friday, Dec. 9, a daughter.

W.I. Elects New Officers

NEWBROOK.—The Newbrook Women's Institute elected new officers at its December meeting. The new president is Mrs. Wm. Wareko and the new secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Olga Woschuk.

On Friday, Dec. 9 the W.I. held a very successful sale of sewing and home cooking. The Newbrook Health Club also put the furnishings of the nurse's cottage on sale at the same time. Since the nursing service has been discontinued for over two years, it had been decided at a former meeting to dispose of the furniture. The cottage has lately been given a coat of paint and is rented to a tenant.

Pie Social And Dance Is Success

ABEE.—The Abee Women's Institute held a successful pie social and dance recently in the Community hall. The music was supplied by the Amber Valley orchestra.

The auctioneer was M. Petryk, manager of the Co-op store. Bidding was brisk and the highest priced pie of the evening belong to Mrs. R. Friebe.

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have passed the two-billion-dollar level, breaking all B. of M. records. There is a healthy increase in loans, too, and the bank's earnings show a modest improvement despite increased taxes.

The B. of M.'s deposits have risen by \$142,000,000 to a new high of \$2,019,000,000. The larger part of this sum represents the savings of well over a million Canadian citizens, and the rest consists of funds that manufacturers, merchants, farmers and businessmen keep in the bank to meet their day-to-day obligations.

RECORD INVESTMENTS

Holdings of government and other public securities increased from just over a billion dollars to the present figure of \$1,045,000,000. Cash and quickly realizable assets add up to \$1,602,000,000, or 78 per cent of everything the B. of M. owes the public. This is in keeping with the bank's traditional policy of maintaining a strong liquid position.

At the same time, the figure for commercial loans has risen to the highest year-end figure in the bank's history. Covering both business and personal borrowing, this has risen from \$456,000,000 to \$187,000,000, representing credit extended to business and industrial enterprises for production of every kind, to farmers, fishermen, lumbermen, and to citizens in every walk of life.

The B. of M.'s resources climbed to a new peak of \$2,139,000,000, providing an excess of assets over public liabilities of some \$85,000,000, a figure that emphasizes the bank's strong financial position.

EARNINGS MAINTAINED

In 1949, the bank's earnings totalled \$9,221,000, after payment of staff salaries, bonuses and pension fund contributions, as well as provision for contingencies and the depreciation of premises. However, taxes amounted to \$3-

405,000, or \$425,000 more than they did last year.

After taxes, the B. of M.'s net earnings, at \$5,816,000, compared with \$5,459,000 in 1948. Out of this, shareholders received the sum of \$3,600,000—a return equal to 4.23 per cent of the shareholders' funds.

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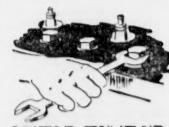
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CANADIAN BUSINESS STABILITY BETTER THAN IN UNITED STATES

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increased standards of productivity in dollar-short nations, he questioned if the capital "that is the life-blood of production efficiency" would be available in countries maintaining heavy public budgets or addicted to the nation-alization of business.

The general manager, Gordon R. Ball, presented a balance sheet featuring totals in excess of two billion dollars for both deposits and assets. Resources, he reported, were at an all-time high of \$2,140,000,000 and deposits at a new record level of \$2,019,000,000, with savings deposits running over a billion dollars for the first time in the history of any Canadian bank. Current loans and discounts in Canada at \$442,000,000 were at the highest year-end figure ever reported. Investments had increased to \$1,168,000,000, and four million dollars had been transferred to the reserve fund.

Mr. Ball said that the bank

had been impressed by the number of concerns showing stationary or declining profits on a substantially increased volume of business. He suggested a re-examination by businessmen of their "break-even" points and a new recognition of the need for efficiency and economy.

The general manager emphasized the desirability of permitting business to build up resources out of earnings. This principle, he said, had received some recognition in the last budget and he felt it should be extended to permit reduced taxation at a higher level of profits that the present amount of \$10,000. Mr. Ball stressed the desirability of small concerns being able to plough back a portion of their earnings into the business, and the importance to this country of its small business.

B of M Resources Over Two Billion

MONTREAL — With resources topping two million dollars for the first year-end in its history, the Bank of Montreal has issued its annual report, telling how this great sum was kept hard at work in 1949 through commercial loans and investments at record levels.

Plain talk and thumbnail sketches lighten the statement again this year, as they have done in every annual summing-up of the B. of M. since 1945, when it pioneered a human approach in the presentation of bank reports.

Headed "A Special Message To Customers of the B. of M." the 132nd yearly statement justifies its theme: "This Year You've Written A Two-Billion-Dollar Story"—by showing how its resources are helping Canadians in every walk of life to make a better future for themselves and for Canada. It demonstrates this by explaining in everyday language the meaning of the balance-sheet figures.

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Bank of N. S. Assets Many Millions Up

HALIFAX. — Continued high activity and a greatly expanded banking service over the past year are the features underlying the Bank of Nova Scotia's 118th annual statement, just published along with an interesting and human story highlighting the important part the average Canadian depositor plays in the progress of his country.

Evidence of the expansion in the bank's operations can be seen in the growth of its total assets which stood at the end of the bank's year at an all-time high of \$806,308,701.34, an increase of \$56,092,854.94 over the figure shown in last year's statement.

Total loans at the year end were \$340,041,597.93, an increase of almost \$47 million over last year. Greatest factor in this increase is current loans in Canada, which are up \$31 million. Deposits also reached a new high in the year, amounting to \$749,160,264.43, an increase of over \$69 million.

The bank's liquid position was maintained with cash standing in the relation of 11.99 per cent to public liabilities and quick assets totalling \$473,688,653.57, or 61.72

per cent of the total public liabilities. Over the year there was a moderate reduction in holdings of government securities which now stand at \$264,179,855.72.

Total profits for year amounted to \$4,705,724.14, after full provision for bad and doubtful debts. Out of this the bank provided \$402,412.97 for depreciation, and \$2,004,000 as estimated Dominion and Provincial taxes. The higher level of profits and taxes thereon is in part a reflection of the substantial increase in loans and also of recoveries of a non-recurring nature applicable to prior years.

Dividends to shareholders, plus provision for a 30-cents-per-share extra distribution payable in January, 1950, left a net profit of \$499,311.17 to be carried forward to the Profit and Loss Account. The balance in the Profit and Loss Account is now \$2,837,024.99.

Total earnings over the year amounted to \$1.91 per share. This includes \$1.50 paid, or to be paid, to shareholders as dividends. Last year's earnings per share amounted to \$1.63.

Highlights of this year's statement compared to last year's are:

	1949	1948
Assets	\$ 4,705,724.14	\$ 3,705,724.14
Depreciation	402,412.97	472,029.68
Provision for taxes	2,004,000.00	1,391,000.00
Net Income	2,299,311.17	2,007,346.76
Dividends	1,800,000.00	1,580,000.00
Carried forward	499,311.17	327,346.76
Balance profit and loss account	2,837,024.99	2,337,713.82
Capital	12,000,000.00	12,000,000.00
Reserve	24,000,000.00	24,000,000.00
Public Deposits	706,300,035.62	644,380,617.51
Other Deposits	42,890,228.81	35,748,924.81
Cash	131,474,250.37	109,513,264.75
Due by banks	14,849,363.99	14,052,440.13
Dom. Govt. securities	227,749,378.62	234,963,627.08
Prov. Govt. securities	20,508,397.62	19,645,376.29
Other securities	49,874,611.11	43,320,135.15
Call loans	38,234,652.46	23,934,406.38
Other loans	302,166,945.47	269,479,562.74
Letters of Credit	15,560,120.91	28,221,064.29
Bank Premises	8,557,535.51	7,207,393.20
Shares of and loans to controlled companies	5,483,309.04	2,311,768.20
Total assets	\$806,308,701.34	\$749,615,846.40

TCA Inaugurates Barbados Service

On December 1st a new air service to Barbados in the British West Indies will be inaugurated by Trans-Canada Air Lines.

The new service calls for an additional stop on the Airline's weekly flights from Montreal to Bermuda and Trinidad.

The Island of Barbados, the "little England" of the Caribbean, will be less than a half day's travelling from Canadian soil when it becomes a regular port-of-call for the four-engine North Stars which fly over TCA routes to the south.

Barbados, which lies between Bermuda and Trinidad, 230 miles to the north of the latter, will be less than six hours flying from Bermuda and ten from Montreal.

A British Crown Colony, Barbados has long been a popular mecca for tourists from both North American and European continents. An equable year-round climate, scenic beauty and special amenities for holiday-

makers are major attractions.

An additional lure for Canadians is the fact that on the island, where the cost of living is low, Canadian dollars at an exchange rate of 1.19 in British West Indian dollars before devaluation are now worth about 36 cents more.

Food Is Magic

The following four-line verse was written by Carmen Torre, 17, a Philippine schoolboy for the UNICEF Committee, Ottawa:

"Christmas brings Santa with his pack;

Who put the things in his great big sack?

Why, UNICEF who all the year Sends things that seem like Christmas cheer."

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Britain Preparing Now For Atom Bomb Warfare

Britain is already preparing for the possibility of atom bomb warfare.

Recruitment has started of a volunteer force which it is hoped will comprise 500,000 eventually. Both men and women are being enlisted.

Home Guard schools have trained about 500 instructors, who will be in charge of civilian instruction. Another school in Scotland for instructor training will be opened early next year to add to the schools in Yorkshire and Gloucestershire already in operation.

REGULAR EQUIPMENT

Mass production of vest-pocket "Geiger Counters" is being carried out. About the size and shape of fountain pens, and reported to cost about \$1 each, they will be issued to the civilian force for measuring nuclear radiation, as part of the regular equipment.

It is thought they might be made general issue in the event of any actual emergency, as were gas masks to World War II.

This preparedness and this building of a new defense force are not to be taken as indications of "atom jitters" or international uneasiness.

It was decided by Parliament in 1948 that a standing civil defense force should be considered as a fourth service, and should be considered as normal and as necessary as a peacetime army, navy, and air force. Regulations setting up the defense corps were published last June.

In building up systematic protection against nuclear weapons, Britain is acquiring confidence. It is also "devaluing" the A-bomb.

"Nuclear explosives have been reduced to their proper proportions as major weapons," an expert at one of the civil defense schools declared.

"Exaggerated reports of the power of the atomic bomb can be combated by hard facts and practical training."

RESULTS TABULATED

According to a British training manual, a gamma flash on exposed people within one half mile of the point of burst would be fatal; up to three quarters of a

mile the flash would cause 50 per cent casualties, and would have no effect beyond two miles.

The blast probably would damage beyond repair all houses within a radius of one mile. Major repairs would likely be necessary up to 11-2 miles, and first aid repairs up to 21-2 miles.

With buildings in between and if the bomb exploded on the ground and people were in a shelter underground, then, the British maintain, "dangers would be proportionately reduced."

Besides the pen-type personal radiation meters, several new instruments are available for the defense corps. Some are portable and others are for attachment in air-raid shelters. They tell whether radioactivity is present and in what intensity; whether individuals are contaminated and if so, where; and the total "gamma dose" to which the shelter and the people in it have been subjected.

'ATOMIZED' RUINS

At the training schools, the civil defense corps members learn how to find and decontaminate radioactive areas in an "atomized village"—a carefully planned house and factory ruins which took about four months to make.

They also take ordinary courses in fire fighting and other rescue work.

Having taken the course, the instructors return to their own towns prepared to teach local volunteers. Every major town in Britain is likely to have its own artificially made blitzed area where effective training can be undertaken.

The defense force is to be organized and operated on a local basis, towns and county councils having the responsibility for raising and training their own units. No limit has been fixed to the numbers of civilians to be recruited. About 100,000 ex-civil defense officers and wardens of World War II belong to local associations and probably will join up immediately. The total strength may reach 500,000.

Besides the purely local forces to be raised by local authorities, there also is likely to be a small



A HUNGRY BOY'S DREAM—A ragged Italian walf, living in the wake of war, dreams of food. Today he'll receive a glass of Canadian milk from the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Canada and a score of other United Nations countries are helping the sick and hungry children of Europe and the East. The postal address "UNICEF, OTTAWA" is accepting funds from Canadians to buy Canadian food for such ragged babies as these. Six million children need help.

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Annual Meeting Of Onoway W.I.

ONOWAY.—The annual meeting of the Onoway W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. A. Truckey on Thursday, Dec. 1, with 20 members in attendance.

The most important part of the meeting was the election of new officers.

Mrs. O. Raesler who has served a two-year term of office as president, was re-elected and also Mrs. C. Honert who has served the same term of office as secretary.

Owing to the efficiency shown in the work in our local W.I. this past year, we felt this was the best solution.

Mrs. Truckey was also chosen as our new vice-president for a two-year term by a majority vote, succeeding Mrs. F. Reimer.

A decision was made to give a donation to the Christian Bible Society, as we have done for a number of years, feeling it a needy cause. We decided also in sending Mrs. Harrison a card of appreciation for her fine work she has accomplished in the Institute this past year.

A motion was also made that we serve a lunch to all who might participate in the amateur evening to be sponsored by them.

After all business matters had been thoroughly discussed and attended to, there was an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Each member brings a gift, places it in a beautifully decorated basket, and then the basket is passed to each member in order to draw a gift in exchange for the one she placed there. Each gift has a card with only the name of the sender. The Onoway W.I. has practised this idea for a good number of years, to celebrate not only their annual meeting but the Yuletide season as well.

On closing Mrs. Truckey and Mrs. Kruger served a very dainty luncheon.

I think all the many members who attend our Women's Institute monthly meetings leave with the

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feeling of belonging to an institution known throughout our Dominion as one of the finest, helping the needy, visiting the sick, and giving liberal donations at any time, to any worthy organization, as well as a feeling of closer companionship with the other members.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 5, at the home of Mrs. W. Matyba.

HAY LAKES NEWS

HAY LAKES.—Turkeys, ducks, chickens and geese are being sold now so it looks like winter is finally coming. Snow has fallen to make the ground white.

Miss Eileen Hein, who is training as a nurse in Selkirk, Man., is spending her month's holiday at her home, Mrs. G. Hein returned home after she underwent an operation in the Camrose hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sware and family were Sunday supper guests at Stanley Sware's.

Store Held Up By Gunman

Edmonton's first armed hold-up in three years took place in South Edmonton this week when Jewell Electric, 8213 109 street, was victimized to the extent of \$200 in cash and a portable radio.

A middle-aged hold-up man, brandishing a shiny automatic pistol made his daring robbery at 5:25 p.m. Monday.

Victims of the gunman, were store manager Ralph DeWolfe and a customer Hyman Yellin, 11327 87 street, who were held at gun-point while the till was robbed.

On leaving the premises, the robber paused long enough to help himself to a portable radio from the store window and almost in the same motion, held the store door open to admit, Mrs. Vera Mohs, manageress of the Bonnie Fashion Shop, next door, who was coming in to make a purchase.

A police dragnet has been launched in search of the gunman, but thus far no arrests have been made. A good description of the holdup man was given police by DeWolfe and Yellin.

In view of the large amount of currency being turned over in city stores during the Christmas rush police officials believe it a wise move for merchants to remove most of their cash from tills to a more secure and safe place in the event of similar happenings.

Store merchants are warned to be on the alert, as this is the time of the year, that gunmen such as that which robbed the Jewell Electric strike.

Be cautious with any suspicious looking individuals, they warn.

Farewell Given

SMOKY LAKE.—A farewell party was held for Mrs. Spence Kostyniuk at her home on Monday evening. On behalf of the ladies present Mrs. Kostyniuk was presented with a lace tablecloth.

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